Before I leave this Department of Education, may I bring to the notice of the Government that there is absolutely no justification for the Director of Public Instruction being inflicted with the management and control of other Departments. Now that the Government have made up their mind to allot a definite amount for the Uplift of the Depressed Classes, the whole Department has to be placed under the management of a full-time officer. In this connection, I may remind you, Sir, of the observations made by the Ex-Political Agent in the course of his speech, when conferring the Sanad and Badge of Rao Sahib on Mr. C. Matthai that the Darbar intend these functions hereafter (referring to the protection of the Depressed Classes) to occupy the full time of an officer, etc.

Forests and Tramways.

Sir, Tramway in our State was devised only as a means of exploiting the resources of the forests more effectively and cheaply. When you know that its usefulness has ceased to exist (as that seems to be the agreed view on all hands), there is absolutely no justification for allowing it to continue any further. The motives of the Government seem to be mysterious, and we, the people, are left in the dark as regards this matter, except the fact that the Government is determined to allow the Tramway to swallow a big sline of the Public Revenue. I am told that private bodies have offered to work the Tramway with profit to the Government. If that is a fact, I cannot understand why the Government should fight shy of the matter like this.

Medical.

Coming next to the *Medical Department*, I have to say that the General Hospital at Ernakulam is being organised and developed on too ambitious lines for the resources of the State. It is certainly one of the main duties of the Government to render medical aid to its suffering subjects. But this must have its limitations. When we compare our General Hospital with those existing in the Sister States of Mysore and Travancore, we can certainly find that our General Hospital is too big for the resources of the State. Year after year extensions and additions are being made. New sites are acquired or proposed to be acquired, and that out of all proportion to the legitimate requirements of the people. It is stated that more than half the number of people, who derive any medical relief from our State, are non-Cochinites. This is undesirable as even in medicine, charity must begin at home. This Department tries to concentrate all its energies and resources in the General Hospital itself. The other institutions are practically ignored. It is high time for the Government to make the Civil Hospital at Trichur a more useful institution. If any development is neces-

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